

Indian-owned Eighth Generation launches new Two Spirit wool blanket

SEATTLE – Eighth Generation, the first American Indian-owned company to offer beautifully crafted wool blankets, is excited to unveil its latest collaboration with Two Spirit artist Ryan Young (Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa).

This vibrant blanket design is based on a painting that calls out to a traditional Ojibwe story about crows.

The story goes that the crow was once very colorful and had a beautiful singing voice, but during a forest fire it spent so much time trying to help the other animals that its colorful feathers became blackened with soot and its beautiful singing voice turned hoarse from the smoke.

“This story reflects the struggles and sacrifices I have made as a Two Spirit person and all I have worked through to get to a place where I want to teach others,” said Young. “While this blanket celebrates Two Spirit people, I envision it as a blanket



that anyone can wrap themselves in to feel safe, warm and at home.”

Young is a Two Spirit artist from Lac du Flambeau, Wis., specializing in photography and printmaking at the Institute of American Indian Arts. Two Spirit representation and empowerment is central in both its artwork and community work.

In a video, Young unveiled the new Two Spirit Blanket at an event at the University of Washington’s Intellectual House.

Blanket Details

- Two-sided design
- Covers a Queen Size bed (200 cm x 150 cm)

- Micro-suede Edge Band
- 100 percent New Zealand Wool
- Designed by Ryan Young (Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa)
- Imported
- Dry Clean
- \$208
- 5 percent of all blanket sales support the Inspired Natives grant for emerging arts entrepreneurs

Eighth Generation launched the Inspired Natives Project in 2014 as a way to provide economic and business education opportunities for Native artists.

The project is a collaboration in which community-based artists – whose cultural art is often appropriated by large companies – are treated as partners and offered business skills development and mentorship to build their business capacity and distribute artwork globally.

U.S. Census Bureau continues to hire for temp jobs during 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau continues to recruit thousands of workers for temporary jobs available nationwide in advance of the 2020 Census.

The 2020 Census Jobs website allows applicants to apply for a range of positions, including recruiting assistants, office operations supervisors, clerks, census field supervisors and census takers by completing a single application online. Opportunities are available nationwide and offer flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

Available jobs include:

- Recruiting assistants travel throughout geographic areas to visit with community-based organizations, attend promotional events and conduct other recruiting activities.
- Office operations supervisors help manage office functions and day-to-day activities in one or more functional areas, including payroll, personnel, recruiting, field operations and support.
- Clerks perform various administrative and clerical tasks to support various functional areas, including payroll, personnel, recruiting, field operations and support.
- Census field supervisors conduct fieldwork to support and conduct on-the-job training for census takers and/or to follow-up in situations where census takers have confronted issues, such as not gaining entry to restricted areas.
- Census takers work in the field. Some field positions require employees to work during the day to see addresses on buildings. Other field positions require interviewing the public, so employees must be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.

Applicants are placed in an applicant pool for 2020 Census field positions and are considered as positions become available. Applications will remain active and updateable throughout the 2020 Census recruiting and hiring period.

For more information, contact 1-855-JOB-2020 and select option three. Applicants can also contact the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

Visit the 2020 Census Jobs page (<https://2020census.gov/jobs>) or the Census Bureau’s Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages.

Siletz Tribal Home Visiting program continues to serve at-risk families

We are excited to inform you that the Home Visiting program has moved under the 477-SSP program and will continue to serve Siletz Tribal families. A few minor changes have been made to the program under the new funding source.

Eligibility

The Siletz Tribal Home Visiting program will now follow new eligibility

guidelines. To be eligible for the program, families must meet the criteria below:

- Siletz Tribal head of household or dependent child
- Family must be considered “at risk” and these factors include:
 - o Income below 300 percent federal poverty level for last 30 days

- o Households that reside in rural locations that have limited employment opportunities
- o First-time parent
- o Households with at least one adult without a post-secondary certificate
- o Family experienced trauma, chemical dependency or mental health barriers

Note – Effective Jan. 1, 2019, these guidelines pertain to all newly enrolled families.

For more information about the Siletz Tribal Home Visiting program, please contact the program coordinator:

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